

The Honorable Carl Levin  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Levin:

Thank you for your May 13, 2014 letter regarding the Allied Paper Landfill portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to evaluate cleanup alternatives for the site. As part of that process, EPA will evaluate emerging technologies designed to treat waste on-site and will share the results of that research with the City of Kalamazoo. Site redevelopment options will vary depending on which cleanup alternative EPA selects. EPA, City officials, and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are working together to explore potential reuse scenarios. As you noted, it is critical that the selected cleanup alternative protects human health and the environment.

~~EPA actively monitors the Allied site to ensure that Groundwater monitoring data from 2002-2003 and annual data from the groundwater collection system demonstrates that PCBs are not~~ migrating off-site via groundwater. This summer, EPA will conduct additional groundwater monitoring and has consulted with the State and the City on the sampling plan.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Eileen Deamer or Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator